

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

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MASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Dear Mr. Hughto:

Below I have summarized the requests contained in your letters of October 31, 1988 and November 11, 1988. request is followed by EPA's response.

The first request was to allow a representative from your dredging consultant to observe the dredging operations from the working dredge. Despite the willingness of Rizzo Associates, Inc. to accept the liability of this individual, neither EPA or the Corps of Engineers who is managing the dredging contract is willing to take this Further, the Corps of Engineers advises us that there would be insufficient room on the dredge for their crew plus an outside observer. Independent viewing of the dredging activities can be done from many of the public areas that surround the pilot study site. The results of the dredging tests will be made available to you upon request.

The second request was to allow a representative of your organization to set up air monitoring equipment and obtain samples during the dredging activities. Due to the problems in bringing additional people on-site during the dredging activities, EPA will not grant this request. Unfortunately, the air sampling devices that EPA has employed at New Bedford do not allow the samples to be split. EPA will, however, provide you with the results of our tests upon request. Also, you are free of course to set up your monitoring equipment outside the site.

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The third request was to allow a representative of your organization to perform sampling on the CDF effluent pipe during and after dredging. Once again, due to the problems in bringing additional people on-site, EPA will not grant this request. However, EPA can arrange to provide you with a reasonable quantity of split samples as well as provide you with the results of our tests upon request.

If you have any questions please contact me at (617) 565-3455.

Yours sincerely,

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